

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TOKYO 12727 220338Z
ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-12 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-10 CIAE-00 INR-07
IO-14 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 NRC-07 DODE-00
SS-15 SP-02 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 PM-05 /115 W
-----127207 220345Z /15

R 220247Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 365
INFO USERDA WASHDC
USERDA GERMANTOWN

UNCLAS TOKYO 12727

FOR OES/NET: T. EA/J

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PARM, TECH, JA
SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ON GOJ NUCLEAR POLICY
DELIVERED TO EMBASSY BY SOSUKE UNO, CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. STATEMENT IS DATED AUGUST 15.

QUOTE
THIRTY-TWO YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED SINCE THE DECISION
WAS MADE IN AUGUST 1945 THAT JAPAN WOULD START REBUILDING AS
A NATION OF PEACE.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WISHES
TO REAFFIRM ITS DESIRE TO PROMOTE THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC
ENERGY AND TO ACHIEVE THE ABOLITION OF ITS MILITARY APPLICA-
TION; AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMMISSION WISHES TO INDICATE ITS
DETERMINATION TO MAKE EVER GREATER EFFORTS TO THSE ENDS.

THE APPLICATIIN OF NUCLEAR ENERGY HAS BEEN BORN OUT OF
MAN'S KNOWLEDGE AND INGENUITY, BUT IT IS A TWO-EDGED SWORD,
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TOKYO 12727 220338Z

ONE EDGE OF WHICH CAN BRING THE PROSPERITY OF MANKING AND
THE OTHER ITS DEVASTATION.

UNDER THE ATOMIC ENERGY BASIC LAW, ENFORCED IN JAPAN IN
1956, THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY IS
LIMITED TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND IT FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE
THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT, INDEPENDENT

ACTIVITY, AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AS APPLIED TO ATOMIC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. SUCH POLICIES WERE DERIVED FROM OUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF WHAT ATOMIC BOMBS CAN DO AND OUR DETERMINATION THAT THIS EXPERIENCE SHALL NEVER BE REPEATED.

IT IS A FACT THAT SINCE THAT TIME, UNDER JAPAN'S "PEACE CONSTITUTION," THE COUNTRY HAS NEVER OWNED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HAS NEVER PRODUCED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HAS NEVER ALLOWED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO BE INTRODUCED TO JAPANESE SOIL, CONTINUOUSLY STRENGTHENING THESE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES AS NATIONAL POLICIES. FURTHER, IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, JAPAN RATIFIED THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THESE ARE ACTS BASED BOTH ON THE JAPANESE PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ON THEIR EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE PROMOTION OF PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

BASED ON THIS FIRM DETERMINATION, JAPAN HAS STRIVEN TOWARD THE ELEVATION OF THE PEOPLE'S WELFARE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REALIZATION OF A BETTER WORLD THROUGH THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY. IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER, THERE SEEM TO BE GROWING DANGERS OF THE DIVERSION OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MILITARY USE IN SOME COUNTRIES, AND NEW CHALLENGES ARE BEING PRESENTED FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS CONCERNING PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, IN PARTICULAR, THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUELS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAST BREEDER REACTORS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TOKYO 12727 220338Z

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THESE CHALLENGES TO NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND IT WANTS TO EMPHASIZE THAT JAPAN WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST IN THE WORLD TO EXERT HER UNTIRING EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE IN ORDER TO FIND MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF DEALING WITH SUCH PROBLEMS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT IS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION PRINCIPLE ITSELF MUST NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF THE PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY, AND THE COMMISSION IS CERTAIN THAT AS MAKING IS FACED WITH THE COMMON PROBLEM OF THE FINITE NATURE OF RESOURCES, THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WILL BECOME EVER MORE NECESSARY.

IN PARTICULAR, FOR JAPAN, WITH LITTLE IN THE WAY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF PETROLEUM IS A PRESSING MATTER, AND THE CREATION OF SEMI-DOMESTIC ENERGY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERING ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, AND FAST BREEDER REACTORS IS OF THE UTMOST URGENCY.

TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, IT IS NECESSARY TO SEEK A MORE THOROUGH PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND THE PUBLIC'S BROADER COOPERATION. AND, NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT IS VITAL TO ESTABLISH THE SAFETY OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARD MEASURES.

WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE COMMON IDEAL OF ETERNAL PEACE FOR MANKING AND EXERT OUR UNFLAGGING EFFORTS TO BRING THIS CONCEPT TO REALITY, IT WILL SURELY BE POSSIBLE TO SIMULTANEOUSLY ACHIEVE BOTH THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THEIR EVENTUAL ABOLITION IN THE FUTURE, AND THE PEACEFUL APPLICATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 TOKYO 12727 220338Z

THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD MUST BE DEEPLY AWARE THAT THESE RESULTS CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE WISDOM OF HUMANITY, AND THAT THEY ARE ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH EACH COUNTRY'S INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS AND SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES IN RACE, IDEOLOGY, AND BELIEFS.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SINCERELY HOPES THAT THESE IDEAS WILL GAIN BROAD UNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR PEOPLE AND AMONG ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, AND THE COMMISSION ITSELF IS DETERMINED TO EXERT ITS UTMOST EFFORTS TOWARD MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.

UNQUOTE
MANSFIELD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, NUCLEAR ENERGY, TEXT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TOKYO12727
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770302-0215
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770836/aaaabdyd.tel
Line Count: 151
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fe0e6956-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1523560
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
TAGS: PARM, TECH, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fe0e6956-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009